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SUBJECT: COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. DURING RECENT TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON IT WAS AGREED THAT HK COULD SHIP QUOTE LEISURE SUITS UNQUOTE AS SETS DURING LAST SIX MONTHS OF CURRENT COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT YEAR, THE COAT COMPONENT OF SUITS TO BE CHARGED TO CATEGORIES 50 AND 51 AS APPROPRIATE BUT AT CONVERSION RATE FOR CATEGORY 49. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUGGESTED DRAFT NOTE FROM DCI TO CONGEN TO BE HANDED MILLS:

QUOTE SIR: I REFER TO THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS OF DECEMBER 17, 1970, AND, PURSUANT TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, PROPOSE AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWS: NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN THE AGREEMENT TO

THE CONTRARY, COTTON COATS IN CATEGORY 49 (OTHER THAN SUIT TYPE COATS IN TSUSA 380.0904, 380.0960, 380.1240 AND 380.1260), EXPORTED AS PARTS OF MATCHING SETS; DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1974 MAY BE CHARGED TO THE RESTRAINT LEVELS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT FOR CATEGORIES 50 AND 51. SUCH CHARGES TO THE LEVEL FOR CATEGORIES 50 AND 51 ARE TO BE AT 32.5 SQUARE YARDS PER DOZEN, THE CONVERSION RATE ESTABLISHED FOR CATEGORY 49.

IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS NOTE AND YOUR NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE -

2. IF MILLS OBJECTS TO SENDING CONGEN NOTE CONTAINING REFERENCE TO TSUSA NUMBERS YOU MAY AGREE TO DELETE EVERYTHING IN PARENTHESIS AFTER COATS, BUT IN NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE INCLUDE QUOTE IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SUIT TYPE COATS ARE THOSE COATS IN TSUSA'S 380.0904, 380.0960, 380.1240 AND 380.1260. UNQUOTE

3. IF OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE TO MILLS, INFORM DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY OF DATES NOTES EXCHANGED AND NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORIES. PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ORIGINAL OF HKG NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPY OF CONGEN REPLY TO DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 735 (ATTN. ASST LEGAL ADVISOR, TREATY AFFAIRS) AND COPY BOTH NOTES TO EB/FTD FOR REQUIRED PRESS RELEASE. KISSINGER

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